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SUMMARY: CONDERENCE THRU FEB 24, APPROVED IN PLENARY SESSIONS MONDAY AND TUESDAY BULK OF CONVENTION AND OPERATING AGREEMENT ARTICLES, LEAVING MOST CONTROVERSIAL ISSUES TO BE RESOLVED IN FINAL DAYS. COMMITTEE ON INTERIM AGREEMENTS COMPLETED DRAFTING OF FINAL REPORT. END SUMMARY

- 1. PLENARY.
- A. CONVENTION ARTICLES ADOPTED:
- (1) PREAMBLE AMENDED FOR LAST WORDS TO READ "SATELLITE ORBITS".
- (2) ART 1 ADOPTED WITH ADDITION IN (F) OF "INTER "ALIA" AFTER "INCLUDES".

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(3) ARTS 2, 2 BIS, 3, 4 ADOPTED.

- (4) ART 6 ADOPTED WITH ISWG NOTE ON COUNTRY RIGHT TO REASONABLY REFUSE ENTRY VOTED 27(US)-1-11.
 - (5) ARTS 6 BIS, 7, 8, 9, 9 BIS, 10, 11 ADOPTED.
 - (6) ART 12 ADOPTED BY VOTE 22(US)-6-15.
 - (7) ART 13 BIS ADOPTED.
- (8) ART 14 ON COUNCIL FUNCTIONS ADOPTED WITH US AMENDMENTS ON STRUCTURES AND EARTH STATIONS ACCEPTED.
- (9) ART 15 ADOPTED AFTER DEFEAT ON ROLL CALL VOTE EGYPT PROPOSAL TO HAVE ASSEMBLY APPOINT AND TERMINATE DIRECTOR GENERAL 16-22(US)-5.
- (10) ARTS 20, 24, 25 ADOPTED.
- (11) ART 30 ON PRIVLEGES AND IMMUNITIES ADOPTED WITH SEVERAL AMENDMENTS. HEADQUARTERS AGREEMENT TO BE NEGOTIATED BY COUNCIL AND APPROVED BY ASSEMBLY.
- (12) ART 28 ON PROCUREMENT ADOPTED AFTER DEFEAT 3-28(US)-10 IRAQ PROPOSAL TO DELETE PARA 2(C) ON SINGLE SOURCE.
- (13) ART 31 ADOPTED AFTER DEFEAT 2-25(US)-13 IRAQ MOVE TO DISTRIBUTE WITHDRAWING PARTY SHARES AMONG OTHER PARTIES.
- (14) ART 34 AND 37 ADOPTED.
- (15) ART 41 ADOPTED WITH LAST PARA APPROVED 27(US)-7-4 AFTER SOVIET ATTEMPT TO MODIFY DEFEATED 13-22(US)-7.
- B. CONVENTION ARTICLES DEFERRED FOR LATER DECISION:
- (1) ART 5 ON OTHER SPACE SEGMENTS DEFERRED AT UNCLASSIFIED UNCLASSIFIED

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SOVIET REQUEST.

- (2) ART 26 ON LIABILITY DEFERRED.
- (3) ART 09 DEFERRED AFTER DEFEAT FRENCH PROPOSAL 19-13(US)-12 TO ADOPT ALT A OF ISWG. FRANCE AND OTHERS PROPOSED SEVEPAL AMENDMENTS, SOME OF WHICH (PARA 4 IN PARTICULAR) UNACCEPTABLE TO US. PARA 9, MAKING RIGHTS ACQUIRED SUBJECT TO APPLICABLE NATIONAL LAWS, DEFEATED 14(US)-19-10.

(4) DEBATE ON ART 32 ON SUSPENSION AND TERMINATION ADJOURNED AFTER PASSAGE OF PARA 1 ON VOTE CALLED BY

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US 30-12(US)-0. PROPOSAL REPLACE ASSEMBLY BY COUNCIL IN PARA 2 NOT CARRIED 22-17(US)-4. VOTE TO ADJOURN DEBATE ON PARA 3 PASSED /18(US)-14-10.

- (5) ART 39 DEFERRED PENDING RECOMMENDATION FROM COMMITTEE II ON INITIAL SHARES THAT MUST BE TAKEN UP TO ENSURE ENTRY INTO FORCE.
- C. US INTRODUCED TWO RESOLUTIONS FOR PLENARY CONSIDERATION, WP-13 ON STUDY OF RADIO-DETERMINATION AND WP-14 ON STUDY OF AERONAUTICAL CAPABILITIES (LONDON 2377). AFTER DECISION IN PRINCIPLE TO CONDUCT BOTH STUDIES, TEXTQ WERE REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON INTERIM ARRANGEMENTS FOR INCORPORATION INTO WORK PROGRAM DURING PERIOD PRIOR TO ENTRY INTO FORCE.
- 2. OPERATING AGREEMENT.

A. ARTICLES ADOPTED WITHOUT DISCUSSION PREAMBLE, ARTS I, II, III, IV, VI, VII, VIII, IX, X, X BIS, (WITH MODIFICATION PROPOSED BY US TO ACCOMMODATE STRUCTURES IN THE MARINE ENVIRONMENT): X TER, X QUATER, XI, XIV, UNCLASSIFIED UNCLASSIFIED

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XIV BIS, XV.

- B. ARTICLES DEFERRED: ARTS V, INVESTMENT SHARES; X TER (BIS), LIABILITY; XII, SETTLEMENT OF DISPUTES.
- 3. COMMITTEE I ADOPTED ART 36 ON DISPUTE SETTLEMENT AFTER VOTE 28(US)-3(JAPAN)-11 ON PARA 1 AND 30(US)-0-13 ON ART AS WHOLE. ART XII OF OPERATING CONVENTION APPROVED AS DRAFTED BY WORKING GROUP. FRENCH PROPOSAL TO SUBSTITUTE ITU OR IMCO SEC GEN FOR ICJ IN ANNEX ON ARBITRATION DEFEATED 14-18(US)-12. DISCUSSION ON ART 13 ON COUNCIL SIZE AND COMPOSITION WAS INCONCLUSIVE.
- 4. COMMITTEE II CONTINUED ITS DISCUSSION OF EARTH STATION APPROVAL AND INITIAL INVESTMENT SHARES.
- A. COMMITTEE II CONSIDERED ART X BIS EARTH STATION APPROVAL AND ADOPTED IT WITH THE ADDITION OF LANGUAGE PROPOSED BY THE US.
- B. WORKING PAPER 15 WHICH PROVIDED A LISTING OF INITIAL SHARES WORKED OUT USING APPROACH SUGGESTED BY UK CONSIDERED BUT INITIAL SHARES ISSUES LEFT UNRESOLVED BY COMMITTEE II.

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